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Applicants: Donald B. Appleby et al. : Group Art Unit: 1211
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For: Polyol Polyester Synthesis

**AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR
INTERFERENCE PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.607**

Box Fee Amendment
Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

Please amend the above-referenced application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please cancel Claims 2-4, 10, 11, 17, 18, 22, 24, 29, 31, 32, 40-42, 49, 50 and 56-58.

Please amend claims 1, 13, 23, 30, 43 and 51 as follows:

1. (Third Amendment) A continuous process for preparing highly esterified polyol fatty-acid polyester by interesterifying polyol containing more than about four esterifiable hydroxy groups and fatty-acid ester of easily removable alcohol in a heterogeneous reaction mixture wherein

- a) a catalyst is used in the reaction mixture at an initial level of from about 0.01 to about 0.5 mole of catalyst per mole of polyol;
- b) a soap emulsifier is used in the initial stage of the process at a level of from about 0.001 to about 0.6 mole of soap per mole of polyol;

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